

REMARKS

The applicants submit that the 37 CFR 1.193(a) Examiner's Answer mailed February 5, 2004, raises no new substantive issues that were not already raised in the Final Rejection mailed July 22, 2003, and addressed in the applicants' 37 CFR 1.192 Appeal Brief filed December 22, 2003. Therefore, the applicants submit that filing a 37 CFR 1.193(b) Reply Brief is not necessary.

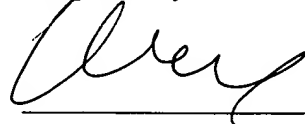


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